

***Remarks***

Reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 3-6 are pending in the application, with 3 and 6 being the independent claims. Claim 2 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

***Objections to the Claims***

Claim 6 stands objected to because of various informalities. Applicant has amended the preamble of Claim 6 to recite: "A method of operating a digital to analog converter (DAC)," as per the Examiner's request. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully request this objection to the claims be reconsidered and withdrawn.

***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claim 2-5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,342,984 to Berke et al. (hereafter "Berke").

In the Office Action, claims 3-5 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form, and should now be allowable. Claims 4-5 depend from independent claim 3 and therefore should be allowable for being dependent on an allowable base claim, in addition to their own patentable features.

***Conclusion***

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment and Reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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